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ISABELITA CLIMA PORTILLA

SEPTEMBER 29 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 8), 1982.—Ordered to be printed

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Mr. THURMOND, from the Committee on the Judiciary,
submitted the following

REPORT

COMPLETED

[To accompany H.R. 1841]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 1841) for the relief of Isabelita Clima Portilla, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to facilitate the admission into the United States as an immediate relative of a child adopted by citizens of the United States.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Beneficiary is a 18-year-old native and citizens of the Philippines who is the niece of the adoptive mother. She was adopted in the Philippines September 16, 1976 at the age of 13. The adoptive parents provide \$50 monthly support to the beneficiary. They have been married 23 years and have four natural children ages 20, 16, 15 and 10. A favorable home-study has been submitted.

The pertinent facts in this case are contained in a letter dated June 4, 1980 from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization to the Chairman of the House Committee on the Judiciary concerning a bill then pending for the relief of the same person. That letter and accompanying memorandum read as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., June 4, 1980.

A-23-047-961.

Hon. PETER W. RODINO, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (H.R. 2323) for the relief of Isabelita Clima Portilla, there is attached a Memorandum of Information concerning the beneficiary.

The bill provides that the sixteen year old beneficiary be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status upon approval of a petition to be filed by her adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Portilla, citizens of the United States. It further provides that the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not, by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege, or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Absent enactment of the bill, the beneficiary, a native of the Philippines, would be chargeable to the nonpreference portion of the numerical limitation for immigrants and conditional entrants.

Sincerely,

CORNELIUS J. LEARY
(For the Commissioner).

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE: H.R. 2323

Information concerning the case was obtained from Gilberto Portilla, the adoptive father and Constancia Portilla, the adoptive mother.

The beneficiary, Isabelita Clima Portilla, a native and citizen of the Philippines, was born on June 17, 1963 in General Trias, Cavite, Philippines. She resides there with her maternal grandmother. The beneficiary's natural mother is the adoptive mother's sister. The beneficiary graduated from high school in General Trias in 1978; she is presently in her second year at Feati University in Manila, Philippines majoring in Engineering and has never been employed. She receives \$50.00 per month from her adoptive parents. Her natural parents, brothers, and sisters are all citizens and residents of the Philippines. The beneficiary has never been in the United States.

Mr. Gilberto Portilla, the adoptive father, was born on July 12, 1929 in General Trias, Cavite, Philippines. He received an Associate degree in Political Science in his native country in 1951. Mr. Portilla served in the United States Navy from 1955 until his retirement in 1975. He is attending Cypress College in Cypress, California and is presently employed by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Los Angeles, California as a mail and file clerk,

earning \$8,952 per year at a GS-3 level. He receives \$575 per month from his military retirement and draws \$526 per month in Veterans educational benefits.

Mrs. Constanca Portilla, the adoptive mother, was born on May 2, 1932 in General Trias, Cavite, Philippines. She graduated from high school in the Philippines in 1953 and is a licensed cosmetologist. She owns "Touch of Class" Beauty Parlor in Westminster, California which is valued at \$8,000 and she draws an annual salary of \$11,000.

Mr. Portilla and his wife own a home valued at \$70,000 with an equity of \$42,000 and have a total equity of \$42,000. They also own 1½ acres of undeveloped land in the Philippines valued at \$5,000. Their three automobiles are worth \$4,000 and have a total equity of \$2,000. In addition, their furniture is valued at \$15,000 and they have \$1,000 in savings.

Mr. Gilberto Portilla became a naturalized United States citizen in Pensacola, Florida on June 9, 1965. Mrs. Constanca Portilla became a naturalized United States citizen in Los Angeles on March 29, 1958. They have four children of their own and they adopted the beneficiary on September 16, 1976 in Cavite, Philippines. A copy of the adoption decree is attached.

The adoptive parents have known the beneficiary since she was an infant. The adoptive father lived with the beneficiary on and off for eight years between 1963 and 1975 when he was in the Navy in the Philippines. The adoptive mother first saw the beneficiary in 1975 and spent a total of one month with her. The adoptive parents wanted another daughter and wish to see the beneficiary finish school in the United States.

On January 11, 1980, the Department of State submitted a report on the bill pending in the Ninety-sixth Congress which reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., January 11, 1980.

Hon. PETER W. RODINO, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: In reference to your request for a report concerning the case of Isabelita Clima Portilla beneficiary of H.R. 2323, 96th Congress, there is enclosed a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been submitted by the United States Embassy at Manila, Philippines, in whose consular jurisdiction the beneficiary resides.

The bill would provide for the beneficiary's classification as a child and for granting of immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by Gilberto Portilla and Constanca Portilla, citizens of the United States. It also provides that the natural parents or brothers or sisters of the beneficiary shall not by virtue of such relationship, be

the relief of Isabelita Clima Portilla. H.R. 1841 will allow the beneficiary to be classified as a child and be granted immediate relative status upon approval of a petition filed by her adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Portilla. The bill also provides that the natural parents or siblings of the beneficiary shall not by virtue of such relationship, be accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

I originally introduced this bill during the 96th Congress. H.R. 2323 was introduced on February 21, 1979 and departmental reports were requested by the subcommittee on July 12, 1979. The State Department submitted its report on January 1, 1980 and the INS submitted its report on June 4, 1980. Unfortunately, time ran out in the 96th Congress before H.R. 2323 could be considered by the subcommittee. On February 6, 1981, I reintroduced this private bill as H.R. 1841. Pursuant to the subcommittee's direction, I contacted the California Department of Social Services and requested that they review the home study prepared by the Philippines Ministry of Social Services and Development. On May 8, 1981, I received word from the Director of the California Department of Social Services that the home study was valid and that the Portilla family is favorably recommended for adoption.

Isabelita Clima Portilla was born on June 17, 1963 and is the third of eight children in the Clima family. Due to the financial problems of her natural parents, Isabelita has been residing with her maternal grandmother and is supported by her adoptive parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilberto Portilla. Gilberto Portilla and Constanca Portilla were born in the Philippines and are now naturalized U.S. Citizens. Constanca Portilla is the sister of Isabelita's natural mother and Gilberto Portilla has known Isabelita since she was a small child. Mr. Portilla served in the U.S. Navy for 20 years and spent a great deal of time with Isabelita while stationed in the Philippines. Even though the Portillas have four children of their own, they treated Isabelita as one of their own and officially adopted her on March 31, 1977. Gilberto and Constanca Portilla wish to have their adopted daughter live with them in Buena Park, California, and I have been assured that they will continue to support her.

I appreciate the subcommittee's timely consideration of H.R. 1841 and I am thankful for the favorable action that was taken on September 30, 1981. It is my hope that the full Judiciary Committee will follow the subcommittee's recommendation and enable H.R. 1841 to be brought before the House of Representatives this year. I am confident that both the House and the Senate will see the merits in this legislation and will allow Isabelita Clima Portilla to be united with her new family.

I thank you for allowing me to submit this statement in support of H.R. 1841 and I hope that you will let me know if I can be of further assistance in securing the passage of this bill.

Cordially,

JERRY M. PATTERSON.

accorded any right, privilege or status under the Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Sincerely,

J. BRIAN ATWOOD,
*Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations.*

Enclosure.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY THE AMERICAN
EMBASSY AT MANILA, PHILIPPINES, CONCERNING H.R. 2323
FOR THE RELIEF OF ISABELITA CLIMA PORTILLA

Isabelita Portilla was born Isabelita Clima Aranzanso on June 17, 1963 at Bacao, General Trias, Cavite Province, Philippines, to spouses Gabriel Aranzanso and Rosalina Clima. Beneficiary is 16 years old and the third of eight children. Her siblings and their respective ages are Crisanta, 20, Luisito, 19, Jose, 14, Jeannie, 12, Merla, 10, Aileen, 9, and Rizalina, 5.

Father of beneficiary is a carpenter while mother is a housewife. As father is not regularly employed, family income is supplemented by earnings from a backyard piggery. Beneficiary resides with natural parents and siblings at Bacao, General Trias, Cavite Province and commutes daily to Manila to attend school. She is a college freshman in civil engineering at Technological Institute of the Philippines. Additional financial support for family and her education are provided by adoptive parents who send about \$150 monthly, inclusive of her own regular monthly allotment of \$24 from the U.S. Navy as a qualified dependent of adoptive father, who is a retired serviceman.

Parents by adoption are Gilberto L. Portilla and Constan-
cia Clima, both naturalized American citizens, residing at 8649 San Romula Way, Buena Park, California 90620. The Portillas have four children of their own, namely, Rosario, age 20, Larry, 16, John, 15, and Terry, 10, all American citizens and residing with them. Two eldest children are employed and are no longer dependent upon parents for full support. The spouses have a combined gross monthly income of about \$1,500 and claim ownership of a house worth about \$50,000. Mrs. Portilla is a sister of the beneficiary's natural mother, Rosalina Clima.

Gilberto L. Portilla, with the written consent of his spouse, filed the petition for the adoption of the beneficiary in the Court of First Instance of Naic, Cavite, Philippines on September 16, 1976. The petition was approved on March 31, 1977. Certified true copies of the adoption decree, original and amended birth certificates of beneficiary are enclosed. As required by Philippine law, irrevocable consent of beneficiary's natural parents to adoption was presented to the court.

Isabelita Clima Portilla was previously beneficiary of an immediate relative petition filed by adoptive father, Gilberto L. Portilla, and approved under Section 201(b) of the Immi-

gration and Nationality Act. She applied for an immigrant visa on May 30, 1978 but was found ineligible under Section 221(g) of the Act in relation to Section 101(b)(1)(E), as she was not an eligible orphan and the petitioner did not fulfill the requisite two-year periods of actual and legal custody. The petition was returned to the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service at Los Angeles on June 27, 1978 for possible revocation. There is no other record of a visa application of any other kind by beneficiary.

Beneficiary submitted a certification from the police authorities at General Trias, Cavite reflecting absence of derogatory record in their files under her name. Medical report upon examination by an Embassy panel physician reveals no medical defect, disease, or disability.

Enclosures.

Republic of the Philippines)
 City of Manila :
 Embassy of the United States of America): ss

I, Gerald D. Gregory, Consul

of the United States of America at Manila, Philippines, duly

commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that the foregoing

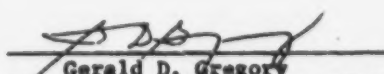
(annexed) ~~copy~~ copies of adoption papers of Isabelita C. Aranzano
 (Brief description of document) copies
are ~~xxx~~ true and faithful ~~copy~~ of

the original (~~copy~~) this day exhibited to me the same having

been carefully examined by me and compared with the said original

~~(xxx copy)~~ and found to agree therewith word for word and figure for figure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the
 seal of the American Consular Services at Manila, Philippines, this
6th day of December, 19 79.


Gerald D. Gregory
 Consul of the United States of America

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 PROVINCE OF CAVITE
 MUNICIPALITY OF GENERAL TRIAS
 OFFICE OF THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR

November 14, 1979

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the REGISTER OF BIRTHS,
 kept and filed in this Office, the following data are found and
 copied to wit:

Name:	ISABELITA PORTILLA
Sex:	Female
Place of Birth:	Bo. Bacao, Gen. Trias, Cavite
Date of Birth:	June 17, 1963
Father:	Gilberto Portilla
Age:	33 yrs.
Nationality:	American
Race:	Brown
Usual Occupation:	U. S. Navy Retiree
Mother:	Constancia Clima
Age:	30 yrs.
Birthplace:	Gen. Trias, Cavite
Nationality:	American
Race:	Brown
Usual Residence:	8649 San Remolo Way, Buena Park, CA. 90620, State of California, USA
Date of Marriage:	December 31, 1957
Attendant at Birth:	Hilot
REGISTER NO.:	274 (e-77)
BOOK PAGE NO.:	49

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FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
 THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR:

JOSEFINA V. SALVANERA
 Asst. Local Civil Registrar

Note: Delayed report of birth
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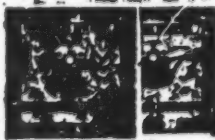
November 14, 1979

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that according to the REGISTER OF BIRTHS, kept and filed in this Office, the following data are found and copied to wit:

Name: - - - - - ISABELITA ARANZANSO
Sex: - - - - - Female
Place of Birth: - - - - - Bo. Bacao, Gen. Trias, Cavite
Date of Birth: - - - - - June 17, 1963
Father: - - - - - Gabriel Aranzanso
Age: - - - - - 30 yrs.
Birthplace: - - - - - Gen. Trias, Cavite
Nationality: - - - - - Filipino
Race: - - - - - Brown
Usual Occupation: - - - - - Carpenter
Mother: - - - - - Rosalina Cline
Age: - - - - - 26 yrs.
Birthplace: - - - - - Gen. Trias, Cavite
Nationality: - - - - - Filipino
Race: - - - - - Brown
Usual Residence: - - - - - Bo. Bacao, Gen. Trias, Cavite
Date of Marriage: - - - - - June 28, 1958
Attendant at Birth: - - - - - Hilot
REGISTER NO: - - - - - 668 (g-76)
BOOK PAGE NO: - - - - - 27

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FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR:

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Asst. Local Civil Registrar

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[Republic of the Philippines, Court of First Instance of Cavite, Cities of Cavite, Tagaytay & Trece Martires, Seventh Judicial District, Branch I, Naic, Cavite (P.D. 827)]

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF MINOR
ISABELITA C. ARANZANSO,

SP. PROC. NO. NAIC-695

GILBERTO L. PORTILLA, Petitioner

DECISION

These special proceedings are predicated on a verified petition registered by Gilberto L. Portilla through his Lawyer Alfredo E. Lazaro for the adoption of a minor Isabelita C. Aranzanso.

Records of this case have set forth that petitioner Gilberto L. Portilla is an uncle of minor Isabelita C. Aranzanso who was born on June 17, 1963 at Bacao, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite. It has been well pointed out that she (Isabelita C. Aranzanso) was a legitimate child of one Gabriel E. Aranzanso and Rosalina V. Clima who are both residents of the same barrio of the Municipality of General Trias, Cavite. Hereinafter, minor Isabelita C. Aranzanso is being referred to as Isabelita for purposes of brevity.

It has been well-portrayed that Isabelita is the third child of the same Gabriel E. Aranzanso and Rosaline V. Clima. They have convinced this court that they are in a very difficult financial predicament to sustain the livelihood of their eight children because of the high cost of living. In accordance with Article 36 of Presidential Decree No. 603 otherwise known as The Child and Youth Welfare Code, all hearings in these special proceedings have been held confidential and was not open to the public. It is now still being directed that the Clerk of Court and Deputy Clerk of Court of this branch of this Court should see to it that all the records, books and papers relating to this adoption case in the files of this court, as well as the Department of Social Services and Welfare, particularly those with Mrs. Violeta Osmeña, the present Provincial Social Services Officer stationed at Noveleta, Cavite, are kept strictly confidential, pursuant to the same section of P.D. 603. No information from such records, files and documents shall be released without approval of this court.

Let it therefore be stressed that this court took the proper steps to prevent the natural parents of Isabelita from doing a hurried decision which may be caused by stain or anxiety to give up Isabelita. It has been well ascertained that all measures to strengthen her natural family have been exhausted. This court finds that any prolonged stay of Isabelita in her

own home will be inimical to her own welfare and interest. Thus, this court has complied with Section 32 of P.D. 603.

It is again being well stressed that all the requirements of the P.D. 603 have been complied with. The imperatives and implications of its areas of concern and program of actions in relations to the Rules of Court and the New Civil Code for purposes of adoption have well guided this court to promulgate this decision.

Presently, based on all the evidence presented during all the hearings when this case was registered for trial through his Lawyer Alfredo E. Lazaro, petitioner Gilberto L. Portilla seeks to obtain from this court a judgment declaring Isabelita his adopted daughter, and to release her from her obligations to her natural parents under the law. But it should be stressed by this court that for time and eternity Isabelita should maintain her natural relationship with her own natural parents Gabriel R. Aranzanso and Rosalina V. Clima.

There is no controversy as far as the present records are concerned, that petitioner Gilberto L. Portilla is a retired Serviceman of the United States Navy. Not including his wife's income, he has a monthly income of \$1,229. Roughly, this salary is equivalent to \$9,033.15. He is the owner of real property in the State of California, United States of America and other parcels of real property in the cities of Cavite and Trece Martires, Philippines. His personal property is worth \$20,000.00 or P140,000.00, more or less. He promised this court to extend all the necessary financial assistance, support and educational opportunities to Isabelita. He is aware that Isabelita would inherit from him in the similar way his legitimate children would inherit under our Philippines laws. He has a house worth \$50,000.00.

The plain truth is clear.

This court finds no disqualifications in petitioner to adopt Isabelita. He is a person of legal age and in full possession of his civil rights. He is in a position to support and care for his legitimate children, in keeping with his means, both material and otherwise, of the family under the imperatives of Section 27 of P.D. 27. The consent of his wife to adopt Isabelita is beyond doubt as demonstrated by an authenticated document (Exh. "E"). As of September 3, 1976, petitioner's wife Constancia C. Portilla gives him consent and authority to adopt Isabelita, and to bring her to the Philippines. Indeed, petitioner is now an alien, an American for that matter. Nevertheless, he was a Filipino who still loves the Philippines as he loves America. The United States of America has good diplomatic relationship with the Philippines and has not broken such good relationship with our country. Isabelita has not been adopted before by any other person. Petitioner has not been convicted of any crime involving moral turpitude. Further, petitioner appears to be qualified under the laws of the United States to adopt Isabelita.

Accordingly, petitioner Gilberto L. Portilla testified before this court on November 4, 1976. He is forty-seven years old, married to Constanica Clima Portugal who signed in the second page of Exhibit E as Constanica C. Portilla. His contract of marriage with the latter (Exh. D) was solemnized on December 31, 1957, at the Roman Catholic Church of General Trias, Cavite. Since his bachelor days at the same place, he has personally known the natural parents of Isabelita up to the present. These are Gabriel E. Aranzanso and Rosalina V. Clima of Bacao of the same Municipality of General Trias, Cavite. He has four (4) children with his wife. One of them is seventeen years old (Maria Rosario Portilla) who agreed to his plan to adopt Isabelita as shown by the second page of Exhibit "F" which is an authenticated document signed by Consul Nelson D. Lavine of the Philippine Consulate General of Los Angeles, California, U.S.A., it appearing without any doubt that the same Maria Rosario Portilla, signed before G. Sid Smith a lieutenant of the United States Navy Judge Advocate Corps. To prove that his wife Constanica C. Portilla gave her consent to his proposition to adopt Isabelita, he demonstrated Exhibit "E" which was also authenticated by the same Nelson D. Lavina, it appearing that her "consent for adoption" was signed by her before the Judge Advocate of the United States Navy.

The testimony of petitioner has demonstrated well. He has convinced this court that he would be a good father to Isabelita. There is no doubt about this observation. He explained well his principles in life. His attitude toward Isabelita was a sincerity which is beyond measure. There would be more fatherly love in Isabelita in his home where love abounds. Indeed, there is beauty all around when there is love at home. No amount of success can compensate for one's failure in the home. This court finds that there will be no failure in the home of petitioner for Isabelita.

For purposes of the adoption of Isabelita, her natural parents, Gabriel E. Aranzanso and Rosalina V. Clima expressed before this Court their consent. And so, section 2 of Article 3i of P.D. 603 has been complied with. Both Gabriel Aranzanso and Rosalina V Clima Aranzanso are ready to give up their natural parenthood for Isabelita. They are confident that Isabelita will have a better future with the petitioner, as of these times, than with them.

Another vital document which proved the justification of the present petition is Exhibit "J", a child study on Isabelita. The same is hereby reproduced.

CHILD STUDY

Identifying Information

Re: Isabelita C. Aranzanso—13 years old, born on June 17, 1963, at Bo. Bacao, General Trias, Cavite.

Family Composition

1. Gabriel Aranzanso—father, 43 years old, carpenter.
2. Rosalina Cima Aranzanso—mother, 39 years old, housekeeper.
3. Crisanta Aranzanso—sister, 17 years old, 2nd year secretarial.
4. Luisito Aranzanso—brother, 16 years old, 1st year aeronautical.
5. Jose Aranzanso—brother, 11 years old, grade VI.
6. Jenny Aranzanso—sister, 10 years old, grade V.
7. Mirla Aranzanso—sister, 8 years old, grade III.
8. Aileen Aranzanso—sister, 6 years old, grade I.
9. Rizalina Aranzanso—sister, 2 years old.

Description of Physical Appearance

Isabelita stand 4'11" and weighs 95 lbs. She possesses a black pair of eye and black shoulder length hair. She is fair complexioned relatively large built and appears healthy. She is fond of putting on skirts and blouses but used to wear short pants at home. Although she admits to be a loner being a music lover she could easily communicate with people especially with strangers and always wears a ready smile.

Description of Child's Current Environment and Relationship

Isabelita is presently living with her grandmother (her father's and the adoptive father's mother) who is always nice, loving and very much concerned of her. She is showered with all the love, affection and care that a natural parent could ever give her/his child. The adoptive father although not with her also shown his paternal love in various ways.

Herein child had not even had any difficulty in adjusting to her current environment being a close relative she is allowed to visit her natural parents whenever she so desires.

She is a good mixer and has many friends both in the community and in the school where she is currently studying. Like any ordinary girl, she is very polite and respectful to elders.

Physical and Mental Health

Aside from minor colds and flu, herein minor had not been afflicted with any serious ailment and communicable diseases nor suffered from small pox and measles. When a small lass, she was vaccinated with anti-polio. She belongs to the above-average IQ bracket and rates very good according to the school authorities.

History of the Child

Isabelita was born normally on June 17, 1963 at their home. According to her natural mother, she had not experienced any distinct difficulty when she conceived and delivered, said minor. She was cared for the best a normal and loving parents could give.

Minor like any ordinary child had been afflicted with common colds and moderately few flu which easily subsided with proper medical care and attention.

She was breastfed by her mother and was weaned at the age of 7 months old when she could already eat cereals and the like. She learned to crawl at barely 4 months old, stands at the age of 8 months and walked by herself at 9 months. The most significant of them all was when she came to utter some syllables like "Tata" "Nana" Papa and others when she was 1 year and 3 months old.

At the age of 6½ years she was already enrolled to Grade I at Bacao Elementary School and graduated from Grade Six last March 20, 1976. The next school year she enrolled at Cavite National High School where she is currently studying as a second year student. When asked about her hobbies, she immediately responded "Playing piano and bandoria". Really music minded, Isabelita wants to enroll in the Conservatory of Music when she graduates from high school.

Family Background

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Aranzanso, both natives of Cavite, Isabelita is the 3rd among the eight children. Her father who finished elementary grades is a carpenter by occupation earning around \$459.00 a month while the mother who also finished grades school is a plain housewife. The couple adoption of Isabelita. This is Exhibit "K" which is also reproduced as follows:

HOME STUDY

Identifying Date

Gilberto Lumbreras Portilla—47 years old, U.S. Navy retiree.

Family Composition

1. Constancia C. Portilla—wife, 44 years old, cosmetologist.
2. Ma. Rosario Portilla—daughter, 17 years old.
3. Larry Fernando Portilla—son, 13 years old.
4. John Gilberto Portilla—son, 12 years old.
5. Tereliza Portilla—daughter, 3 years old.

Description of the Applicant

Mr. Gilberto L. Portilla, a 47 year old U.S. Navy retiree and a resident of Bo. Bacao, General Trias, Cavite saw the first light of dawn on July 12, 1929 in Poblacion in the same municipality. He is the eldest among the 7 children born to Larry Portilla and Rosario Lumbreras who are already both deceased.

He stands 5 feet 9 inches, weighs 165 pounds and is largely built. Having a fair complexion makes him a good looking man. He wears a moustache that ideally match with his tolerable hair. He got a brown pair of eyes and black hair.

He is a good conversationalist and speak fluent English, Tagalog, Cebuano and Ilocano. Being accommodating to people is one of his distinct characteristics.

Motivation for Adoption and Preference in Children

It would be noted that applicant has several children and at first thought there's no need for him to adopt Isabelita. However, with the reason that he had loved, cared and regarded Isabelita as his own daughter since she was a child, worker felt interested in his case. According to him, he provides the child with all her needs and supported her to school until now with the consent of both wife and children, when asked about wife's and children's feeling re: adoption of Isabelita applicant had shown worker the written consent of both wife and children. They have no objection regarding this matter and had expressed their willingness to Isabelita as real member of the family.

Relationship in Both Immediate and Extended Family

Mr. Portilla is very close to his wife and children. Everybody in the family had a hand in decision making, has mutual love and respect for each other which is a very good factor in maintaining harmonious family relationship.

Applicant, wife and children have good relationship with their relatives especially with Isabelita. Although some of them live in far places, they had tried to visit them once in a while or communicate with them through mail.

Each one in the family tries to help one another whenever anybody has met problems.

Previous Experiences and Attitude Towards Children

Client has 4 children so he had so much experience in rearing children. Being a father to his children he is already aware of the responsibilities he'll encounter towards Isabelita and knows fully and/or understands the social and emotional needs of growing children.

Information on Employment and General Financial Situation

Being a USN retiree client receives a monthly pension of \$428.00 aside from the \$132.00 monthly educational allowances that he receives. His wife works as a cosmetologist and earns around \$369.00 which when added to client's earnings would be very much bigger and would be more than their needs. This enables them to save \$500.00/month. With this declared monthly income, couple was found to be financially secured.

Description of Housing and Neighborhood

Applicant and wife owns a house and lot worth \$50,000.00 which is fully equipped with all the household, appliances and furnitures. The family also possesses 2 cars.

Neighborhood is generally good because people easily extend their hand on civil action works and activities.

Participation in Religious and Civic Activities

Applicant is well-known in the community because of his good moral character and good public relations. He is a de-

voted Catholic but has never been a member of any civic and/or religious organization. However, he participates in almost all projects activities pertained towards community development by giving advices and logistic needed.

Health of Applicant and Family Members

Applicant as well as family members have good physical condition. According to doctors physical and mental examination, he is physically and mentally healthy and has no health problems whatsoever.

References

1. Mr. Jose Monton—Manager, General Trias Rural Bank.
2. Mr. Amador Vizmanos—Bo. Bacao, General Trias, Cavite.
3. Mr. Angel Samaniego—Bo. Captain, Bo. Bacao, General Trias, Cavite.

All the given references commented that applicant is highly qualified being morally and financially and has potentialities in the rearing of children. They also spoke on the good and harmonious family relationship.

Evaluation and Recommendation

Applicant is fully aware of the roles/responsibilities towards children. His ardent desires to give his family name to Isabelita is a strong indication that he would want to be his own daughter with the consent of the whole family since they all love the girl.

Being a father of 4 children, he already knows and understands the behavioral manifestation of an adolescent and is fully aware of his would be responsibilities.

Worker feels that with the family's readiness to comply with the responsibilities they have to undertake towards Isabelita, it would be highly recommendable that herein petitioner's request to legally adopt Isabelita be favorably granted.

Prepared by:

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Welfare Aide.

Noted:

VIOLETA A. OSMEÑA, PSWO.

Finally, it is clear and indisputable that minor Isabelita Aranzanso has been willing ready and able to be an adopted daughter of Petitioner Gilberto L. Portilla and the latter's wife Constancia V. Clima (now Constancia C. Portilla). All the time witnesses testified for her adoption as now being proposed, she (Isabelita) demonstrated, waited and watched for the approval of the present petition. Her own natural parents similarly demonstrated, waited and watched for such approval.

This court finds satisfaction, considering all the foregoing and all the records in this case, that petitioner Gilberto L.

Portilla is qualified to maintain, care of and educate Isabelita, that her best interests will be promoted by her adoption as now being proposed.

Wherefore, in our present lights, the present petition is granted.

Let the following decree of adoption be therefore issued effective as of September 16, 1976, pursuant to Section 36 of Presidential Decree 603 otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code:

DECREE OF ADOPTION

Be it known therefore:

That as of September 16, 1976, minor Isabelita C. Aranzano, who was born on June 17, 1963 at Bacao, Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, to Gabriel E. Aranzano and Rosalina V. Clima, both of Bacao, General Trias, Cavite, shall henceforth be known as Isabelita Clima Portilla in all the records and certificate of her birth, books and papers of the Local Civil Registrar of the Municipality of General Trias, Province of Cavite, and in the National Bureau of Statistics and all other agencies of the government where the paternity, maternity and filiation and other identities of the same Isabelita should be or have been recorded and registered, hereby giving and granting to the same Isabelita all the rights specified and generalized under Article 39 of Presidential Decree 603 otherwise known as the Child and Youth Welfare Code and all laws prior to and subsequent to it which may grant her the rights and privileges by virtue of this decree.

The local civil registrar of the Municipality of General Trias, Cavite, is hereby ordered to issue an amended Certificate of Birth to Isabelita under Article 37 of the same P.D. 603, amending her birth certificate to show that her adopting father is Gilberto Lumbreras Portilla, and that her adopting mother is Constanca Clima Portilla.

Without costs.

It is so ordered.

Naic, Cavite, March 31, 1977.

PABLO D. SUAREZ,
District Judge.

Mr. Jerry M. Patterson, the author of this bill, submitted the following statement of support on behalf of his bill.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., October 14, 1981.

HON. ROMANO L. MAZZOLI,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees, and International law, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I appreciate having the opportunity to express my support for H.R. 1841, the private bill I introduced for

COST

No cost would result from enactment of this bill.

REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

In compliance with paragraph 11(b)(1), Rule XXVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, it is hereby stated that the committee anticipates that the bill will have no additional direct regulatory impact, inasmuch as it affects just one individual.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H.R. 1841) should be enacted.

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